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National Intelligence Officers

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MEMORANDUM FOR: NFIB Representatives

FROM:

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National Intelligence Officer for NESA

SUBJECT: Request for Concurrence on Draft IIM: AWACS and the
Arab-Israeli Military Balance

1. Attached is a revised smooth draft of the AWACS estimate. We have incorporated those changes made at our initial coordination meeting and have added some new language on the political dimensions of the problem. [redacted]

2. In light of your comments and the level of policymaker interest in the subject, I have concluded that the estimate should be upgraded to the status of an Interagency Intelligence Memorandum (IIM). This is not merely a cosmetic change and will require wider review and concurrence by NFIB principals. Despite the new status, it appears we can complete coordination without another meeting. Thus, barring serious disagreements about the judgments or text I would like to have telephonic concurrences by COB, Wednesday, 26 August. [redacted]

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